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BRIEFS

Holt to receive

development honor
Steve Holt, Northwest Small Business Development Center office in Chillicothe director, will receive the national Association of Small Business Development Centers' State Star Award for Missouri.

ASBDC will formally recognize Holt at its annual meeting in Denver, Colo.

"I am most pleased that this award required one of my fellow SBDC counselors to make a nomination," Holt said in a press release. "It's just recognition of the work we've done over the past two and a half years to serve our clients and start new initiatives in support of small business."

Since becoming the Chillicothe SBDC's director in 2005, Holt has helped develop the HomeTown Competitiveness programs in Brookfield and his hometown of Trenton. He also serves as a resource person for the University of Missouri Extension Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development program.

**Grand opening at
Cellular One**

The Cellular One store at 1308 S. Main St. will mark its grand opening Friday with a slate of special deals.

New customers can get a Motorola V3 RAZR free with a \$50 mail-in rebate and a new two-year contract. Also, customers can receive a \$50 mail-in rebate on a Blackberry 8100 Pearl with a new two-year contract.

Owners Don and Pat Yaussi will provide a free lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Community Service
Fair to be held**

The Community Service Fair will take place 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Bell Tower.

Students will have a chance to meet representatives from and learn about the agencies in town as well as learn how they can volunteer for them.

The fair is sponsored by Volunteer Services and Campus Activities.

CALENDAR

Thursday

Sister Circle, 6 p.m., Union Living Room

K.I.D.S. meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Late Night at the Union, Chicago Comedy Club, 10 p.m.

Friday

Soccer at Southwest Baptist

Volleyball vs. Truman State, 7 p.m.

Last date to change a trimester course to audit

Fire and Ice Party part 3, 10 p.m., at the Station

Saturday
BRUSH

Second Installment due

Women's/Men's cross country at University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Women's golf, Bearcat Invitational

Soccer at Missouri Southern

Volleyball vs. Florida Southern

Football at Missouri Western

Sunday

Volleyball vs. Upper Iowa, 1 p.m.

Monday

Yearbook senior portraits, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Women's golf at Graceland Invitational

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Tuesday

Yearbook senior portraits, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Wednesday

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Poetry reading, Union

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CAMPUS LIFE

New student position promotes diversity in dorms

By Lindsay Jacobs
University News Editor

This year some of Residential Life's student leaders have a new role on campus.

Building Relationships and Integrating Diverse Experiences (BRIDGE) is a staff position that has been introduced to seven residence halls on campus.

In the past, a world floor was located in South Complex, but it seemed restrictive to have only one floor, said Minority Affairs Director Ame Lambert.

Last fall a group formed to look into an idea Residential Life Director Matt Baker had about the program. Lambert was one of the group members to look into the idea.

The BRIDGE program allows students to grow, change, learn about the world and make students comfortable, Baker said.

Sophomore Isioma Nwadozi, a BRIDGE in Dieterich, took the position because he felt it would help him meet new people and help him come out of his comfort zone, he said. He was an international student from Nigeria last year and wanted to make others aware of different cultures and beliefs, he said.

On Sept. 12 in the Dieterich main lounge, Nwadozi hosted a traditional Nigerian welcome ceremony, a part of his culture. The purpose is to properly educate people about the diverse African culture, he said.

Jessica Alvarez, a BRIDGE in South

Complex said she has held various positions involving diversity, but this position combines all of them.

She believes it's important for Northwest to keep up with other universities, and it's a position that represents all students.

As students adapt to school they can move to a higher level of diversity, Alvarez said.

"This is something the school needed and it's a very good challenge for me," Alvarez said.

She is looking forward to the growth the University will have by the program. People will open their eyes to what's happening around the world and not just in Maryville, she said.

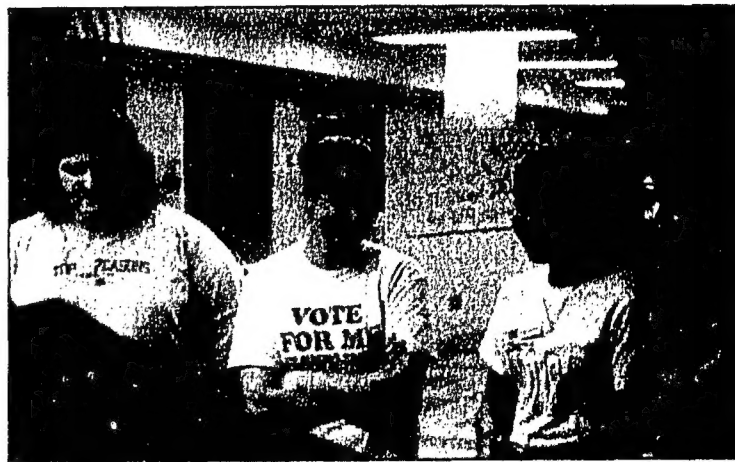


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JESSICA ALVAREZ (far right) held a program in South Complex called "Cereal Identity." They played a game to learn about each other.

Ropin' & Ridin'

By Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Rusty hinges creaked as the sound of swiftly moving animal hooves filled the air.

The Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo took place on Sept. 7 and 8 at the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo Arena. Ed Phillips and family and the Northwest Rodeo team put on the event. Ed Phillips passed away before the first rodeo. The rodeo was named in his honor in 1995.

Many local cowboys and cowgirls showed their talents, with two Northwest students receiving memorial scholarships.

Many events took place as night fell on the arena. These events included barrel racing, bull riding, women's barrel racing, goat roping, goat and cow roping, breakaway roping, steer wrestling and team roping.

Fights surrounded the arena as participants showed

their skill and intuition about the rodeo life.

Scholarships were awarded to students Derk Spire and Nick Allen. Spire and Allen have both been involved in the rodeo scene almost their entire lives because it ran in their families.

"It's in my blood. Once it gets in your blood, it's hard to get out," Allen said.

Allen said the rodeo life is fixed around animal rights activists believing they mistreat animals.

"The people in the rodeo world work hard to treat animals in a humane way," Allen said.

Spire enjoys team roping because it is something he does and grew up doing.

"It's cool to be in the winning environment," Spire said. "You get to meet a lot of new people."

The rodeo had 210 entries this year. There were also Northwest alumni and community members who placed in the events. In steer wrestling, alumnus Troy

See RIDIN' on A6



FRANKEN PHONES

Test phones raise questions among students

Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

As Franken Residence Hall takes on a new role providing private rooms for students, those living in single residences are testing a new possible phone system for the campus.

"So far it's been tricky getting everything stabilized," said Steve Chor Northwest telecommunications technician supervisor. "The telephone company had trouble getting the correct routing, that's caused a few problems."

Chor said landlines have been disconnected to those living in Franken on floors two through three; Missouri Acad-

emy of Mathematics, Science and Computing students are testing the phones as well.

Landlines disconnected from Franken Hall and the Missouri Academy are now being used in the new Perrin and Hudson Residence Halls.

The test program is operating through a digital computer packet router, as opposed to an analog router for landlines. Students using the system have to login online in order to use the phones.

Some students, however, don't like having a non-traditional phone system.

"Frankly, I think it's pretty stupid," Franken Hall resident Emily Klipfel said. "It's more

complicated than what it really should be, and I don't understand why we just can't use a regular wall phone."

Sam Hall is the director of market solutions and sales engineering for Carrier Access, the company testing the system.

"When you get a couple hundred students testing it, there's a whole different perspective," Hall said. "From one standpoint I think it's pretty good."

Meanwhile, those with test phones have not bothered opening the headset.

"Why do it when I have a phone," Franken resident Abby Scott said in regards to her cell phone.

John Bullock found the system to be a benefit.

"Personally for the campus, it's revolutionary," Bullock said. "Everybody's on their lap top so it's a lot easier to use."

The phones will be in a test run for the academic year and Chor said plans are in the works if the test phones fail.

Possible cellular technologies may be used, Chor said.

Nonetheless, Klipfel said the ability to choose would've been nice.

"I think they should've given us an option, 'Do you want to use the headset or do you want to use the wall phone?' because I would much rather have the normal phone."

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

How a business finds its niche

Part three of a three-part series looking at economic development in Maryville

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

An independent study conducted four years ago provides some insight into the formula for successfully doing business in Maryville.

A business defines its chances of success by the presence—or lack thereof—of the audience it targets, said Nodaway County Economic Developer Lee Langerock.

"It all comes down to demographics," Langerock said. "That they [franchises] fall in love with the community is absolutely a must. If we're on the edge of their demographic, they love us and they have a feel for us, they're going to come here."

"If they walk into town and they say 'Oh, too small,' they're not going to come here. The edge is, what do we project to them? Are we busy, are we bustling? It's their own business model. It's their price point. It all plays in."

A 2003 "Community ID" study by the economic development firm Buxton Co. of Ft. Worth, Texas, broke down Maryville's overall profile to determine the "business models" to which the city could play. The resulting data provides a snapshot of Maryville's community make-up and gives prospective business owners a basis for predicting success.

The study revealed that 29 percent of households within a 15-minute drive-time area consists of young, rural singles who still try to fashion a lifestyle centered on sports, cars and dating. The next-largest portion, at around seven percent of total households, lived in moderately priced housing and used their extra income to purchase boats, campers, motorcycles and pickup trucks.

However, an expanded 40-minute drive-time area including outlying towns showed a more balanced set of lifestyles. The largest portion, around nine percent of households, fell into a category of lower-income, older households with interests in sedentary activities and a simple country lifestyle.

Incoming franchises can further gauge their businesses' earning potential in Maryville based on existing successful businesses. Nodaway Valley Economic Development, Inc., identifies franchises such as Wal-Mart Supercenter, Sears, Applebee's, McDonald's, KFC, Hy-Vee and JC Penney's as "retail anchors" in its most current brochure.

Prospective new members of the Maryville marketplace can look to these "anchors" as example firms that successfully cater to Maryville's resident demographic and psychographics, Langerock said.

The same brochure identifies "retail market gaps" for several types of businesses. Based on the city's financial profile and shares already held by existing businesses, Maryville could support a coffee house, book or music store, steak house or discount grocery.

However, that does not mean a firm cannot succeed with an existing market gap, Langerock said.

"We're in a free, competitive society," Langerock said. "If a company comes into a competitive environment, it then depends on how the existing companies step up to the plate."

Warehouse Exchange owner Angie Coleman places a high value on understanding the market.

"It [a business] has to be something you believe in first," Coleman said. "What do you think the community needs? Ask questions. Don't be afraid to ask all different kinds of people."

"You've got to be prepared to work."

Frank Veeman, Northwest Small Business Development Center at Maryville Director, finds that Maryville supports a number of dining options because business from Northwest students can spread

CAMPUS BRIEFS

Family of the Year applications due

Applications for Family of the Year are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, to the Admissions Office.

Eligible families must have an undergraduate student currently enrolled at Northwest.

Applications are available at nwmissouri.edu/campusactivities/familyday or at Mabel Cook Admissions and Visitors Center and the Student Services Center.

Bearcat Idol strikes up a new season of stars

A new season of Bearcat Idol begins at 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, at The Pub.

Those who are interested in participating can e-mail Bearcat Idol at BearcatIdol@gmail.com or show up Tuesday night.

Game show part of Constitution Day

The History, Humanities, Philosophy and Political Science Department and the Constitutional Law are sponsoring a game show that asks contestants what they do and do not know about the U.S. Constitution from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, in Colden Hall 3500. Prizes will be given.

Orchestra recruiting string musicians

The Northwest Orchestra is looking for University and community string musicians. The Orchestra rehearses from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesdays in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Anyone who plays the violin, viola, cello or bass is invited.

For more information, contact Carl Kling, director of bands and orchestra at 562-1794, or Larry Williams, string coach, at llwilliams@kcrr.com.

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Faculty book

Offutt reveals secrets of ghostly stories

Dominic Genetti
Senior Reporter

Cold spots, weird happenings and ghostly figures are the tales awaiting readers of "Haunted Missouri," a book about Missouri's haunted history.

"I've always wanted to be a writer, literally ever since I can remember," Offutt said. "When I was a little kid I would write Scooby Doo mysteries."

Selling quickly, "Haunted Missouri" sold half of its copies before it was released, forcing a second press run in August. A third press run is scheduled for October.

Mass Communication Department Chair Jody Strauch said "Haunted Missouri" is a fun read.

"What's nice about his book is you don't have to read it in order, you can read chapter by chapter because they're all individual stories," Strauch said. "He's got good history in there,

but sometimes that stuff can be pretty dry, he takes it seriously, but also puts a fun in it that makes you want to read."

Offutt gained an interest in ghost stories after coming in contact with a spirit in his youth.

"It was a Saturday afternoon, nice and bright, I was walking this hallway. I went to get this book and there's this little boy standing in the hallway," Offutt said.

Although he was only 8 or 9 years old at the time, Offutt said he still remembers how the young ghost looked.

"He was probably about 5 or 6, I remember he was wearing blue jeans and a flannel shirt. He had brown hair and I could see the bookshelf right through him," he said.

Obtaining stories took Offutt all across the state to big cities and small towns.

Offutt visited the Lemp Mansion in St. Louis and the Hotel Savoy in Kansas City, Mo.

"They were restoring this old

hotel and they had two-thirds of it done," Offutt said.

Before conducting interviews, Offutt walked in a wing of the building awaiting rehabilitation.

"I just wandered around that wing, went to the top floor, back and forth until I went down to the bottom," he said.

There weren't any scary moments, but Offutt describes a time of more claustrophobia.

"On the fourth floor, I walk into the hallway and immediately, it felt like the walls were closer than what they were," Offutt said. "My breathing got really heavy and my chest started hurting, it got really tight and I just felt I've got to leave now."

He later discovered the fourth floor of the building has the most paranormal activity.

The book includes stories about Yeater Hall at Offutt's alma mater of Central Missouri State University, now University of Central Missouri, the Workman's Chapel in Maryville and the many haunted stories sur-



KENDALL BURFIELD of Pickering, purchases a copy of "Haunted Missouri" at Jason Offutt's book signing at the Maryville Public Library.

rounding Northwest's Roberts Hall.

"I went to Central Missouri State, and I've stayed in Yeater Hall," Strauch said. "There was always that rumor, but I never heard anything or

saw anything." Offutt is currently working on another about small town mysteries within a 200-mile radius of Maryville.

THEATER CONSTRUCTION

New studio underway

Shane Sherwood
Chief Reporter

Wires are being ripped from the grounds near the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Construction begins on a new studio theater.

The Northwest Communication, Theatre and Languages Department have worked on plans for the studio theater for a year and a half. Construction has begun on the theater, which is slated for completion by the Fall 2008 semester.

The theater will house many performances, including main stage and student-run productions, which include eight to nine productions a year. It will also be used for classes and training for theater students. This includes plans for the ticket booth, restrooms, the main lobby and the performance area.

The theater will cost about \$4 million to construct. It will be funded by an anonymous \$1.3 million donation. The remaining funds will be in the form of a loan from the Northwest Foundation, Inc.

"The studio will provide training ground and a performance venue we don't have in our existing facility," assistant professor Joseph Kreizinger

said.

The theater used for many of the student-run productions was intended as storage space, but it is currently being used as the "black box theater." The black box theater is a simple theater with four walls, a ceiling and a floor with movable seating and stages, said Patrick Immel, assistant professor and lighting and scenic designer for the departments.

Acting and directing classes will be held in the new theater. The lobby will be utilized as a gathering place for classes.

"The theater is not just for performances," Kreizinger said. "It will be used as a learning place also."

The theater would also bring a new interactive environment that has not been done before at Northwest.

"The theater will give us the opportunity to bring plays in formats not yet seen on campus," Immel said.

"In the new space, the action will be kind of in your lap. It is a lot more visceral. I'll make for a better theater."

Now with the new design, performances will not just run for one weekend. The shows will run for multiple weekends, Immel said.

"This keeps the students focused. It gives a better sense of what the real world is like," Immel said.

NORTHWEST CENTER IN ST. JOSEPH RIBBON CUTTING



PRESIDENT DEAN HUBBARD, Northwest Center in St. Joseph student Besty Topin, other Northwest officials and St. Joseph Area Chamber of Commerce representatives, cut the ribbon in front of the new center last Wednesday. It is located at 706 Falls St. in downtown St. Joseph. Graduate courses are offered in subjects such as counseling and business administration in the new facility. For the past 40 years Northwest has offered classes in other facilities in St. Joseph. Northwest entered a 5-year lease with building owner, Winston Bennett who paid for the renovations and cost for the building.

Northwest to offer joint graduate program

By Evan Young
Managing Editor

Northwest plans to further its outreach efforts by introducing a collaborative graduate program with Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

Administration officials from both schools met Sept. 7 at Northwest's Kansas City Center in Liberty, Mo., to sign a memorandum of understanding, laying the foundation for an online business administration master's degree program.

Set to launch in Fall 2008, the two-year program is based mostly off of Northwest's current MBA curriculum. Students must take 33 credit hours and complete a research component.

All of the classes will be taught online. Northwest faculty will teach half of them, and Missouri Southern faculty will teach the remaining classes. Instructors will be paid by their respective institutions.

Program participants will follow understanding, laying the foundation for an online business administration master's degree program.

"The degree they'll receive will be a joint degree from us and them," said Tom Billesbach, Booth College of Business and Professional Studies dean.

By offering the courses online, graduate students on any of Northwest's campuses, including those in Liberty, St. Joseph, Chillicothe, Kirksville and Trenton, Mo., can also enroll in them, Billesbach said.

The new program marks the third collaboration between the University and Missouri Southern. The institutions also offer joint master's degree programs in early childhood elemen-

tary education and instructional technology.

Per state law, Missouri Southern can only offer graduate programs in cooperation with other institutions. However, the two schools' focus on distance learning, or online education, makes for a "natural partnership," said Brad Kleindl, Missouri Southern's Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration dean.

"Northwest has been a collegial group of people to work with on these projects, so we're really looking forward to this," Kleindl said.

COMMUNITY

CHOW DOWN



JULIAN OSORIO (second from right) won Hy-Vee's first annual hot dog eating contest. The event, hosted last Thursday, raised nearly \$340 for the Relay for Life.

HIGH WATERS

Floods leave severe destruction in wake

By Sean Comer
Community News Editor

Heavy rains left over \$1 million in damages to Nodaway County behind.

May's heavy rains and quick-rising waters dealt an estimated \$1,226,000 in damages to bridges and roads, local officials and the Federal Emergency Management Agency estimate.

Damages have ranged from repairable—such as those totaling \$26,000 to one bridge in Jefferson Township in southeast Nodaway County costing an estimated \$25,654—to a bridge at 140th and Hallmark Streets that will cost an estimated \$460,000 to replace completely, Stiens said. The bridge at 380th and Hawk Streets will cost another estimated \$233,891 to replace.

"There were no segments of the county that did not have damage," Stiens said. "The west side of the county might have gotten a little more damage, because that's where some of our locations completely washed out, but we had washouts all over the county."

Damages along the river-bottoms during May's flooding surpassed those suffered during the 30 inches of rains received during the floods of 1993, said farmer and presiding Nodaway County commissioner Joe Bauml. May's rapid rise in water levels on the larger Platte and Nodaway streams resulted in more severe erosion at the banks that caused waters to cut more quickly into farmlands as a result.

"93 was just a slow build-up where it kept raining and raining," Bauml said. "This was just an onslaught of water that came all at once."

Completing all repairs across Nodaway County could stretch the timetable for all projects into mid-2008, Stiens said.

Larry Dougan, Nodaway County road and bridge supervisor, stood before the completely washed-out tube-crossing at 390th Street and State Highway H in the southwest corner of the county and said the county has "probably 10 to a dozen projects like this. It won't be a quick fix." A new tube at the location will take two to three weeks to install, while a new bridge could take up to a month, Stiens said.

The tube's absence currently causes detours to the next closest roads three miles to the north or two miles to the south for farmers along the creek.

Future complications could vary from project to project, Stiens and Dougan said. Some washed-out bridges and tubes like the one at 390th Street and State Highway H will challenge the county to find a large supply of dirt to replace washed-away Earth, Stiens said. Other structural issues may not have surfaced yet, according to Dougan.

"On May 5, when they had all this rain, it damaged a lot of under-structure that you can't see," Dougan explained. "You don't recognize it until the road falls in or it gets close enough you can see it."

The 24-foot wooden bridge at 390th and State Highway H washed out at each end during the flooding. The eventual relocation of a phone line running along the bridge itself already holds the original bridge's removal at a standstill until the end of September, Stiens said.

Following the wooden bridge's removal, the county will utilize FEMA and State Emergency Management Agency assistance to have a new 60-foot concrete bridge constructed to current county specifications.

The county may appeal FEMA and SEMA's estimates for the cost of the 390th Street and State Highway H bridge and three other bridges, Stiens said: two bridges at 140th and Hallmark Streets; and one at 192nd and Gemstone Streets. FEMA will assist with up to 75 percent of estimated damages, with SEMA assisting with another 10 percent, though FEMA has yet to issue an estimate of total damages.

A representative from FEMA could not be reached for comment. To assist in repairing damaged property, the Nodaway County Farm Service Agency secured \$59,360 of a requested \$100,000 to reimburse farmers across the county for sand and debris removal, and structural and fence repair costs through its Administrative Emergency Conservation Program, County Executive Director Tim Dreier said. County farmers can also apply for loans through the FSA's Emergency Loan Service.

NEW FACULTY

Getting to know Gustafson

By Andrea James
Copy Editor

The Missourian recently spoke with Amy Gustafson about Maryville, its school district and her position as the new assistant principal of Maryville High School.

Q: Where were you originally from?

A: I was born and raised in Farragut, Iowa. It's a small town in southwest Iowa, about an hour north of here (Maryville).

Q: How is that town different from Maryville?

A: It's quite a bit smaller. It's a town of about 400 people, and the school district is comprised of three towns. So, it's typical of the small towns in this area.

Q: Did you always know that you wanted to work with kids?

A: I knew that I would have a career involving people. I wasn't sure that it was going to be education. I originally went to college as a political science major. Then I really wasn't sure what to do with that and eventually found my way into special ed. (education) and after special ed. (education) I worked my way into administration. I had a lot of ideas of changes that I wanted to see made or opportunities to make changes, and I felt I could do that through administration. I'm allowed to work with people on a different level.

Q: What type of changes did you want to make?

A: Nothing specifically, but I've actually only been in Maryville. I came to Northwest and got my bachelor's in elementary education and special education, then went on to get my master's in elementary administration and spent the last seven years at Northeast Nodaway (R-V School District) in Parnell (Mo.) as elementary principal. While there, (I) completed my specialist degree in superintendency and am really glad to be here at Maryville as the assistant high school principal.

Q: What are some major differences between a principal at an elementary school and an assistant principal at a high school?

A: There have been several changes, some of the greatest changes aren't really in the actual administration or the actual position as much as it is the size of the school and having a principal to work with, someone that is always there to bounce ideas off of. I've realized that a lot of the problems or daily tasks are all the same, but the kids are just bigger. The job itself isn't a lot different in that respect. Obviously, with high school there is a lot more supervision and athletics, but

I would be in brain storming sessions or faculty meetings and, as a teacher, there's an extent or breaking point of how far your input can actually go. Whereas, in administration, I felt, that was something I would be able to take my ideas farther on, just on a broader scale.

Q: Where were you at before coming to Maryville?

A: I've actually only been in Maryville. I came to Northwest and got my bachelor's in elementary education and special education, then went on to get my master's in elementary administration and spent the last seven years at Northeast Nodaway (R-V School District) in Parnell (Mo.) as elementary principal. While there, (I) completed my specialist degree in superintendency and am really glad to be here at Maryville as the assistant high school principal.

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I really enjoy the interaction with the kids and being involved in the things that they do.

Q: Are you excited or anxious for the school year?

A: I'm very excited about the school year, thrilled to be working at Maryville. I believe they have high expectations for their district, faculty and for the students. They have a lofty goal of wanting to become a model school district. I think we are well on our way, and I'm excited to be a part of that endeavor.

Q: What is one thing you like about the school district so far?

A: Like their enthusiasm. I like the school district and the enthusiasm of the students, of the faculty, their ability to be open to new ideas. They are ready to evolve to meet the needs of the students and that is not evident in all districts, so I'm very excited about that.

I'm really happy to be here. I'm really happy to be a Spookhouse.

Q: Do you have a personal motto that you like to live by?

A: At the bottom of all my e-mails, I have a motto that says "To change your life, you must first change your attitude." That is by Ian Francis.

Q: How did you come by that quote?

A: I read it in a book, and it was one of those that just kind of hung in the back of my mind and the more I thought about it, the more I was able to apply it to everyday life, both personally and professionally. I think that if somebody would take the time to sit and really think about it, there is probably not much you can't do by changing first your own attitude.

MISSOURI GUARD TO DEPLOY 1,000 SOLDIERS TO KOSOVO FORCE

By the Missouri National Guard

JEFFERSON CITY (Mo. Army Nat'l. Guard) - The Missouri Army National Guard is slated to deploy approximately 1,000 soldiers early next year in support of peacekeep-

ing operations in Kosovo.

The Missouri Guard's 110th Combat Support Brigade, of Kansas City, will lead Missouri's task force with its mission to support the NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR).

"Missouri's National Guard

members are American patriots in defense of freedom and helping provide peace and security in our state and around the globe. May God watch over them and bring each one of them safely home to their families and friends." Gov. Matt Blunt said.

CITY BRIEFS

Applications ready for leadership class

Applications are now available to join the 2008 class of Leadership Northwest Missouri.

Leadership Northwest Missouri teaches leadership skills while taking a close look at local and regional issues including education, economic development, health and the political process.

The class begins with an overnight retreat in St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 23 through 24, 2008.

Applications will be accepted until Wednesday, Oct. 31. Call Director of Healthy Communities at the Heartland Foundation Deb Powers at (816) 271-7200 for more information.

Bowling for Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nodaway County will hold its Bowl for Kids' Sake fundraiser at Bearcat Lanes Friday, Sept. 21, and Saturday, Sept. 22, at Bearcat Lanes.

Participants can bowl at either the 5 p.m. or 7 p.m. session on either day. Free beer, pizza, soda and bowling will be available for the participants, who are encouraged to collect as many pledges as possible.

Prizes available in a drawing include a night's stay at the Great Wolf Lodge for team captains and NASCAR tickets for a Nextel Cup race at Kansas Speedway for other participants.

Contact Mitzi Lutz at 562-1248 for more information or to register.

Youth dance lessons set to begin soon

Maryville youths can register for dance lessons through Maryville Parks and Recreation now through Friday, Sept. 21.

Lessons begin Sept. 24 at the Maryville Community Center and are open to boys and girls three to 17 years old. Younger age groups can participate in a recital at the end of the session.

For more information, call Maryville Parks and Recreation at 562-2923.

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OUR VIEW

Downtown improving, citizens should be thankful

As residents, sometimes we hear about local projects and issues so much that they become vexing and repetitive. Sometimes the issues are never resolved, only shoved aside, or maybe the projects fall flat, before they are ever started.

This isn't the case with Maryville's downtown revitalization project.

After four years of planning, Phase 1 of the three-phase downtown revitalization project is now nearly complete and downtown has never looked better. While some of us might have griped and complained about the summer construction around the courthouse and on Market Street, we can now see the beginning of what will hopefully become a renewed downtown.

On Aug. 29, Gov. Matt Blunt recognized Maryville as one of 10 towns receiving the 2007 Downtown Revitalization and Economic Assistance for Missouri (DREAM) Initiative. This will allow Maryville to have three years of prioritized access to programs providing infrastructure improvements, economic development, historic preservation, etc.

Blunt started the DREAM Initiative in 2006, and so far those original 10 recipients have received over \$30 million in state assistance combined with private investments amounting to over \$70 million. St. Joseph was one of 2006's recipients. Along with a streetscape project, similar to Maryville's, the city is also working on rejuvenating a 1920s theater, and looking into building a conference center, according to Rhabecca Boerkicher, executive director of the St. Joseph Downtown Partnership.

This is all promising news for Maryville's project, which is over four years in the making. In the end, the project hopes to add lamp posts, benches and landscaping.

As Maryville residents, we should be thankful for this recognition as a DREAM recipient and take pride in our city. When this project is completely finished, hopefully we can enjoy a thriving downtown and attract more businesses and students to the area.

COMMENTS FROM NWMISSOURIANNEWS.COM

In response to "Your man knows art... and porn"
Huh
Posted 9/08/07

So this is the Stroller now? Wow... Impressive choice, guys. I like porn as much as the next guy, but what's it got to do with the Stroller's existence in this paper?

In response to "Living Rich In Poverty"
Amy
Posted 8/30/07
Touching story written beautifully!

Ted R. Kindler
Posted 9/01/07
Katie, Katie, how I love thee! You make me want to know God as you do and live longer so I can rejoice in having a grand child who has a heart of gold.
I know your trip has changed your life. Knowing you has enriched mine.
We think of you daily and pray that you will finish school and your life serving God will be your primary goal. We love you!
With all my love, PAPA

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MY VIEW

Learn to negotiate with your roommates

At the University of Arizona, two roommates got into a physical altercation that left one of them dead and the other injured. The girls reportedly fought because one of them accused the other of stealing.

There will be many things throughout your experience at college that aggravate you and take you to the brink. However, there are very few situations that call for physical altercations. Nonetheless, here are some things you can do to make sure you "survive" your dorm experience...

Food: Respect each other's Easy Mac and Dr. Pepper. If you (or your parents) didn't buy it...don't eat it! And try to be diplomatic with refrigerator space. Those tiny dorm fridges are like international waters; free for everyone to use, but if abused there could be some serious issues.

Computer: Living on campus, you'll both have your own com-



Sarah York and Jeff Kanger
Guest Columnists

puters, but that doesn't mean you have to spend all day on Facebook. Granted, the risk of getting a communicable disease is lowered when you're shut in your room all day, but that's no excuse for not talking with someone in person rather than posting on his or her wall.

Music: Silence sucks. But so does Nickelback. Respect each other's taste in music, as well as volume preference, and you'll be

fine. **Clothing:** Girls, resist the urge to treat your roommate's closet like your own personal boutique. And guys, remember that no girl wants to hang out in a room that smells like your high school gym locker and looks like the Nodaway County Landfill.

Conflict Resolution: Any conflict can be resolved without physical violence. Instead, try subtle manipulation and passive aggressive behavior. Sick of her

laundry on the floor? Throw it away! She'll never be able to prove it was you! What happened to the good old days of starting a rumor about somebody, or putting shaving cream on them when they sleep? C'mon people, you can get your displeasure across without killing one another! But, in the event that all your behind-the-back techniques fail, just talk to your RA about it. They'll know how

to help. On a more serious note, this year is going to provide you with a wealth of experience that you won't find anywhere else but a college environment. You'll learn compromise, teamwork, compassion, and hopefully you'll have some fun in the process. Take advantage of the many resources available in your dorm and on campus, because there is always someone available to help regardless of the situation.

Living with a roommate really isn't so bad, and you'll probably find that it's a lot of fun. We know that people joke about "surviving freshman year," but with the recent events at Arizona there is now an unfortunate level of truth to that statement. If you can't peacefully settle dorm room disputes you won't be able to settle disputes in the workplace or at your home. Do whatever you can to avoid a physical showdown, but if push comes to shove...make sure you aren't near the stairs.

BLOGS

A small sample from our blogs on Nwmissourianews.com

The following are excerpts from Nwmissourianews.com's new blogs. You can access the rest of these blogs online. Blogs will be updated weekly and we hope to add more as the year goes on.

The blogs do not reflect the views of the Northwest Missouriian. Check out the blogs weekly online under the Features link.

156 Questions By FutureMrsR
Last night, I bubbled in 156 circles all dealing with children, finances, the Catholic Church and my future spouse. That's right, I'm

getting married in a catholic church. May 31 of next year, I will be walking down the aisle in a huge cathedral praying that I don't trip and puncture myself in the head with the satin comb attach to my veil.

I'm sure you're probably wondering why do I have to answer 156 questions before I get married. The answer is the FOCUS Assessment. The assessment is supposed to address issues my fiancé and I need to work on before taking the plunge next year.

What a hunk of crap!

It's not an assessment, it's a test. No matter how many nice, friendly words you put in front of it. It's still a freaking test! While she passed out the "assessment," I realized my future spouse and my relationship was being evaluated into three choices agree, disagree and uncertain. All 156 questions reminded me of a typical comprehensive final exam. The same questions were asked over and over, just in different formats... (continued online).

How many ways can we spin a loss?

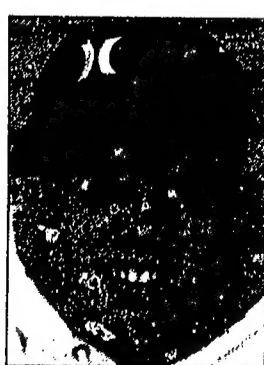
By Scott Levine
I should have seen this coming. I mean it happens all of the time, especially when fans haven't tasted an upset defeat in a while.

No matter how a team loses, invariably people will always revert back to the aged old excuse of poor officiating.

Don't get me wrong. I loathe officials as much as every other red-blooded American, but in some cases it's just not their fault. Case in point is Northwest's upset loss to UNO... (continued online).

CAMPUS TALK

Do you think gay marriage should be legalized?



"I don't really care as long as they're happy."
Andy Tompkins
Undecided



"I think it's fine, I don't disagree with it."
Sara Fletcher
Psychology



"I'm personally against it. It's against the Bible and my beliefs. Marriage should be between a man and a woman, not of the same gender."
Anthony Dupree
Art



"I think it should be legalized. Everyone deserves to be happy, and whatever way makes them happy."
Jamie Hafeli
Speech, Theater Education



"Whatever floats your boat."
Chuck Erving
Undecided

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sept. 3
■ **Derrick L. Ferguson**, 26, Maryville, receiving stolen property, improper registration, 600 S. Main

Sept. 4
■ **Joshua E. Hager**, 20, Maryville, WOW, failed to appear, 400 N. Market

Sept. 6
■ **Recovered property**, green BMX bike, 500 W. Fifth

■ **Larissa A. Maranell**, 19, Maryville, MIP, 800 College Ave.

■ **Cynthia K. Hayes**, 35, Maryville, dog at large, harboring a vicious animal, failure to register dog with city, 800 N. Walnut

Sept. 7
■ **Craig S. Addison**, 19, Maryville, MIP, **Matthew G. Barrows**, 19, Maryville, MIP, **Matthew R. Carey**, 20, Maryville, MIP, **Andrew G. Carey**, 20, Maryville, MIP, **Joseph R. Brown**, 21, Maryville, supplying alcohol to a minor, 300 W. Fifth

■ **Rylee B. Arnold**, 19, Maryville, MIP, littering, 100 S. Mulberry

■ **Larceny**, gas, 600 S. Main

Sept. 8
■ **Timothy L. Heitman**, 30, DWI, open container in vehicle, excessive acceleration, 600 N. Walnut

■ **Property damage**, vehicle, 200 S. Market

■ **Christopher T. Stone**, 19, Blue Springs, MIP; **Michael A. Burks**, 18, Blue Springs, MIP, 1600 S. Main

■ **Joseph P. Basinger**, 21, Maryville, DWI, open container in vehicle, equipment violation, 100 N. Main

■ **Property damage**, vehicle, 900 W. Fourth

■ **John D. Dirks**, 37, Maryville, dog at large, 300 E. Thompson

■ **Joseph B. Partridge**, 32, Maryville, DWI, exceeding the posted speed limit, 300 E. South Ave.

Sept. 10
■ **Lost/stolen property**, cell phone, 300 N. Market

Sept. 11
■ **Assault**, ongoing investigation, 1000 E. Jenkins

ACCIDENTS

Sept. 2
■ **Robert L. Kent**, 23, Quitman, collided with **Megan M. Dunkle**, 19, Maryville, when Dunkle failed to yield at the intersection of First and Country Club.

Sept. 5
■ **Trudy K. Kinman**, 58, Ravenwood, collided with **Jennifer N. Kampman**, 21, Excelsior Springs, at the intersection of Fourth and Buchanan.

Sept. 6
■ **Cynthia K. Hayes**, 24, Maryville, collided with **Zachary M. Zahnd**, 21, Maryville, when Hayes failed to stop at a posted sign at the intersection of Torrance and Buchanan.

Sept. 7
■ **Bernella R. Simmons**, 70, Maryville, collided with **Connie S. Kenny**, Skidmore, when Simmons failed to yield at the intersection of Edwards and Buchanan.

■ **Curtis O. Cronk**, 17, Maryville, collided with **Alana C. Boyles**, 38, Maryville, at the intersection of Munn and Crestview. Cronk was cited for careless and imprudent driving, failure to show proof of insurance and improper registration.

Sept. 8
■ **Melissa D. Schmitz**, 24, Maryville, collided with **Tyler J. Coverdell**, 17, Maryville, at the intersection of First and Main.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grayson James Homer Hess
Grayson James Homer Hess, 9 pounds, 15 ounces, was born on Sept. 9, 2007, at St. Francis Medical Center in Maryville. He is the son of Matt and Belinda Hess of Maryville.

His maternal grandparents are Jerry and Charlene Green of Grant City, Mo., and his paternal grandparents are Carol and Joyce Hess of Maryville.

He has a sister, Jerica Hess.

Adrianna Noel Seginak
Adrianna Noel Seginak, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, was born on Sept. 10, 2007, at St. Francis Medical Center in Maryville. She is the daughter of John and Angela Seginak of St. Joseph.

Her maternal grandparents are Raymond and Mary Barry of Bolckow, Mo., and her paternal grandparents are Bill Burns and Yvonne Seginak of Maryville.

She has a brother, John Paul Seginak III.

'That's hot' heats up the legal arena

By Rick Montgomery
McClatchy Newspapers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (MCT)—"That's hot." A lawsuit says that's Paris Hilton's.

"You're fired." Maybe your boss can say it without blinking, but the producer of Donald Trump's reality show, "The Apprentice," holds a registered trademark on the phrase.

"Let's get ready to rumble." But first, let's check with wrestling announcer Michael Buffer. When used in entertainment or for marketing, the slogan is his intellectual property.

Hallmark Cards Inc. says it was just dishing up satire with a greeting card spoofing "Paris' First Day as a Waitress." There's a photo of Hilton's face superimposed on a cartoon waitress telling her customer, "Don't touch that, it's hot." The customer asks, "What's hot?" and the waitress says, "That's hot."

Legally, the question isn't "What's hot?" but who owns the rights to "That's hot." A lawsuit against Hallmark, filed last week by the Los Angeles socialite, notes that the federal patent office in February issued to her a registered trademark on the term "That's hot" for its use in apparel.

Is this licensing of common sentences troubling to you? Careful, Disney Enterprises has applied for that trademark.

McDonald's Corp. got trademark protection on "I'm lovin' it." The NBA owns "slam dunk." And one of the NBA's most successful figures, coach Pat Riley, registered the rights to "three-peat," referring to the Los Angeles Lakers' pursuit of three straight basketball crowns in the late 1980s.

His Lakers fell short, but Riley scooped up royalties on "three-peat" when the Chicago Bulls won three straight titles.

At least "three-peat" had the ring of originality, but ... that's hot?

"The hard part is when people say, 'Wait. That's just a common

term!" said intellectual property lawyer Gary A. Hecker. He helped the Hollywood production company JMBP Inc. secure rights to "You're fired," but he has no professional interest in "That's hot."

"Well, Apple is a common term, too, when used generically. But it's protected in the trademark sense for anything computer-related," he said.

"Paris Hilton's trademark for 'That's hot' doesn't prevent the public from saying, 'That's hot' when you touch your finger to the stove. ... But it could be an issue if someone uses that slogan for specific goods and services for commercial purposes."

Hilton in July 2004 applied for the trademark as the term pertains to clothing. In another filing under review by examining attorneys in the patent office, Hilton seeks to use the same term for electronic equipment and video games.

Trademark protection lasts 10 years, when the owner of the mark must renew it.

"The more generic a term is, the less protection you're likely to get when others want to use it. You may not even get the trademark," said Bruce Stutsman, a Florida lawyer.

He helped a hot-wings franchise secure a 2004 trademark on "When! That's hot."

"Now, if Paris starts selling wings," he added, "We will vigorously defend our rights to that mark."

Hallmark said in a statement that some of the greeting cards in its new humor line "are parodies of today's most popular celebrities and politicians."

These cards take a satirical look at news and gossip surrounding these public figures, including Paris Hilton, and we do not believe Hallmark has violated any of Ms. Hilton's rights."

Now, that's cool. Or can you say that? The patent office last year granted a trademark on "Now, that's cool!" to an ice cream company.

Two days of Iraq testimony, but no answer to 'how this ends'

By Warren P. Strobel
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON (MCT)—They sat behind burgundy-covered witness tables for more than 16 hours of testimony and answered hundreds of questions about the Iraq war, some of them pointed, some of them softball.

But there was one question that Army Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. military commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador in Baghdad, couldn't, or wouldn't, answer.

It was the question that Petraeus himself posed rhetorically back in 2003 when he led the Army's 101st Airborne Division into Iraq: "Tell me how this ends."

Much to the frustration of the senators—mostly Democrats, but including a few Republicans—who grilled them Tuesday, neither the general nor Crocker could explain how the Iraq war fits into Bush's war on terror or how it's protecting Americans.

Four and a half years after the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq—and four years after some Pentagon officials thought American troops would be home in triumph—two days of breathlessly anticipated testimony

by Petraeus and Crocker appear to have produced another stalemate in Washington.

Democrats in Congress don't have enough votes to force a withdrawal from Iraq. The Bush administration can only offer the hope of slow progress in Iraq and an eventual, but undefined, U.S. withdrawal.

In response to a question from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., Petraeus predicted that 100,000 American troops would still be in Iraq a year from now.

"Two years from now, in the summer of 2009, we're still going to have 80,000 troops on the ground in Iraq," predicted one State Department official, who requested anonymity in order to speak frankly. "We knew that pretty much already. Now it's done."

But lawmakers complained that neither Petraeus nor Crocker could explain how the Iraq war fits into Bush's war on terror or how it's protecting Americans.

One of the most jaw-dropping moments in the hours of back-and-forth came when retiring Sen. John Warner, R-Va., asked Petraeus whether his proposal for Iraq—including a reduction of U.S. troops to pre-surge levels of 130,000—would

make the United States safer.

"Sir, I don't know, actually," Petraeus replied.

In military jargon, Petraeus and Crocker are "walking point" for the White House on Iraq, taking the brunt of the questions from Congress and the media. Much of what President Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, former Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, former Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and others have said about Iraq has turned out to be false, but the general and the ambassador showed up with their credibility largely intact.

The president kept a low profile Monday and Tuesday, but he's expected to announce in a prime-time address Thursday that he's adopting Petraeus' troop recommendations.

Petraeus has been praised for his knowledge of counterinsurgency tactics and Crocker for his knowledge of the Arab world. Both are implementing a strategy that some analysts think might have worked if it had been tried years ago.

Petraeus "is almost certainly the right man for the job in Iraq, but he's the right person three years too late and 250,000 troops short," Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., said as the sessions began Monday morning.

Neither man, however, has been able to answer Petraeus' original question: How does the Iraq war end?



ARMY GENERAL DAVID Petraeus, the top commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, delivers his testimony to the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the state of the war in Iraq on Capitol Hill in Washington, September 11.

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RIDIN': Rodeo celebrates 13 years

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Calloway placed second. Kirbee Spire placed fourth in both barrel racing and breakaway roping. Chad Mathes placed first and sixth in team roping. David Cannon placed third in the same category. Adam Acklin places first in calf roping.

Ed Spire, a man

who has been involved with the rodeo since it started, has been involved in the rodeo since he was seven years old.

"The rodeo is just like any other sport," Spire said. "The better the competition, the more you want to win."

The rodeo is a family sport that involves good family entertainment, Spire said.

"We try to put on a good rodeo, something the family can enjoy together," he said.

Unlike a football game, which normally involves players running up and down a field, the rodeo has a lot of variety. It is not just one type of interaction, Spire said.

"The rodeo is just the rodeo. There is nothing like it," Spire said.

NICHE: Small businesses key to growth

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to a variety of dining options. Veeman also pointed to St. Joseph, Mo., supporting a variety of new restaurants without squeezing out longtime eateries.

The ability to not only exist, but thrive can be a turning point for franchises.

"It's pretty well gone, the day when you want to put in a franchise just so you can get the franchise money," Veeman said. "Franchisees, when they come in, look for specific things and if those aren't there, they'll back away."

Maryville's future economic growth hinges on the business community's independence from

needing to meet the niches of major-name franchises, Langerock said. More specifically, it could depend on the development of locally-owned small businesses.

"As we rely more and more on that big-name recognition, we are at the mercy of those companies that look at those one, three and five-mile rings to determine their demographics," Langerock said. "And if they don't think out of the box, then in my opinion, they lose out on some really terrific mid-size or small markets."

"Retail development really takes the community's support of the mom-and-pop stores, as well as the name brands," Langerock added. "If the dollars aren't spent here, then they don't show a

potential to be here. To grow more, means that we have to support our own as well."

Langerock concluded that community support is a two-way street.

"The business owner has to be savvy and know the customers," Langerock said. "The competitive advantage for mom-and-pop stores is the customer service edge. At the same time, you need consumers to support those."

"Those local shops are the same people who donate to the yearbooks and clubs, so we have to make sure that we show that support for their investment in the community while we're looking for what else we can draw into the community to help it grow."



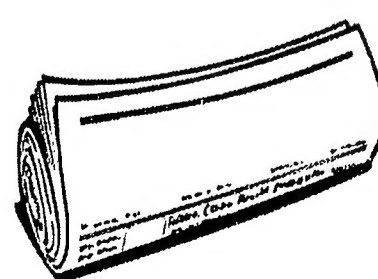
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BRAD SORENSON (right) and the rest of the Bearcats prepare for Saturday's Invitational during the Bearcat/Spoofhound Open Sept. 8.

Challenging meet lies ahead for runners

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

One thing's for certain Saturday for the Northwest men and women's cross country teams—each team will face tests like they haven't seen all season.

After steamrolling the competition during the Sept. 8 Bearcat/Spoofhound Open, the Bearcats must travel to Lincoln, Neb., for the UNL/Woody Green Invitational Saturday. The meet features double digit teams, Northwest coach Scott Lovak said, and after the last meet the Bearcats seemed poised for a strong showing.

See RUNNERS on B2

NW VOLLEYBALL

Tough times ahead for 'Cats volleyball

Marcus Meade
Asst. Sports Editor

The next seven games will show the Bearcats whether they're the .500 team they appear to be, or something more.

Northwest coach Anna Tool is leaning toward something more.

"Honestly, I don't really look at our record, but I look at our level of competition," Tool said. "We're looking at quality of how we're playing and who we're playing."

That level of competition is only getting steeper. In their next six matches, all at home, Northwest will face five top 15 opponents, including Truman, Central Missouri and Washburn.

The 'Cats are confident in their ability to play with these teams for two reasons, Tool said. First, they've improved every week, and second, they played a top tier opponent and nearly came away with a win.

Augustana (S.D.), currently ranked No. 13 by CSTV/AVCA, came to town for the Bearcat Classic,

See TOUGH on B2



ALICIA JOHNSON serves during the Bearcat Classic. The Bearcats are in the midst of a 11-match home stand.

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Upsetting Outcome



Photo by Scott Levine / Sports Editor

THE NORTHWEST football team walks off the field after losing the season opener 25-21 to UNO. The Bearcats travel to Missouri Western Saturday, a place they're 4-2 during the Tjeerdma era.

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Before Northwest blew a 15-point halftime lead Saturday at Nebraska-Omaha, it had been nearly five years since Northwest blew a lead of 15 points or more.

The bad news is that defensive collapse in 2001 came on the road against Missouri Western in a 37-30 overtime loss. That same year, Northwest missed the playoffs with a 7-4 record. Northwest plays Western at 6 p.m. Saturday, at Spratt Stadium.

"This next week will be a test for us," strong safety Chris Termini said, who had five tackles against UNO. "It's a physical game. It's a big game like it usually is. We just got to be ready to go."

With wide receiver Raphael Robinson out for the season with a torn Achilles tendon, and linebacker Tommy Miller and fullback Brant Gregg out another week, Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma said he's hopeful his team can answer the call.

"We'll see what this team is made of Saturday," Northwest coach Mel Tjeerdma said. "Every team will lose eventually. How you respond determines how good your team really is."

History is on Northwest's side. The Bearcats haven't opened a season 0-2 since 1995. On top of that, Northwest hasn't lost an MIAA opener on the road since 1993, and that was also against the Griffons. Northwest leads the overall

series 16-10. Does starting 0-1, entering a rivalry game add extra motivation?

"Maybe in our favor," Termini said. "Coming out, losing to UNO in that first game, this is a team that has a tradition of winning. 0-1 isn't really our type of character, so we've really got to come out and prove something."

The defense held the Mavericks offense in check through three quarters, but withered away in the fourth quarter, allowing 19 fourth quarter points. Termini points to fatigue, having not played a full game.

"We were on the field for a while and some unfortunate things happened," Termini said. "They kept rotating their offensive players in with guys that were 100 percent, compared to our guys, who were gassed. We're going to do some conditioning this week to make sure we're ready to go."

The offense had its struggles in the second half, going scoreless. On the final possession, Josh Osborn replaced Josh Mathews, who went out with a slight concussion. Osborn went 6-of-7 during the drive before throwing an interception that ended the game. Mathews is listed as day-to-day and is expected to start Saturday.

Northwest on road after first season loss

Date	Lost to	Next Game
Dec. 16, 2006	Grand Valley State, 17-14	L. Nebraska-Omaha, 25-21
Sept. 3, 2005	Nebraska-Omaha, 28-23	W. Truman State, 17-0
Nov. 6, 2004	Pittsburg State, 21-17	W. Texas A&M-Kingsville, 34-14
Sept. 4, 2002	Northern Colorado, 23-10	L. South Dakota State, 20-0
Aug. 30, 2001	Nebraska-Omaha, 24-21	W. Minnesota State-Mankato, 36-19
Sept. 9, 2000	Minnesota State-Mankato, 28-24	W. Pittsburg State, 35-28
Sept. 4, 1999	Nebraska-Omaha, 40-17	W. Pittsburg State, 27-21
Nov. 29, 1997	Northern Colorado, 35-19	W. Midwestern State, 55-16
Nov. 16, 1996	Pittsburg State, 40-0	W. Nebraska-Omaha, 22-21
Sept. 2, 1995	South Dakota State, 10-6	L. Minnesota State-Mankato, 59-34
Sept. 3, 1994	Minnesota State-Mankato, 45-7	Texas A&M Commerce, 49-13

Defensive back J.R. Graham leads a defense that returns six starters from last year's playoff team. He leads the team in tackles, while Chauncey Mayfield and Kendall Davis each have two interceptions.

Missouri Western's offense is averaging 43.5 points per game in wins against Minnesota-Duluth and NAIA Baker. They return five starters—all on the offensive line. They've paved the way for newcomers La'Darrian Page and Thomas Hodges, who have combined for 326 yards and five touchdowns. Freshman quarterback Drew Newhart, a Cameron product, has four touchdowns.

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MHS FOOTBALL

Cardinals up next for surging Spoofhounds

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

With two victories behind them, the unbeaten Maryville Spoofhounds have a score to settle.

Last season, a Benton team that went on to the playoffs ruined Maryville's homecoming with a 32-21 defeat.

The Spoofhounds were driving in for the win when a fumble derailed their hopes of an upset.

"I just don't think motivation is going to be much of a problem this year," coach Chris Holt said. "We played Benton really tough, probably above our level last year, and really felt like we let one slip away."

Our kids are going to want this one pretty bad."

A year later, the MEC foes hardly resemble the ones that duked at the Hound Pound last fall.

Benton, who is coming off a 39-19 loss against Chillicothe, now runs a spread offense with the 2006 MEC rushing champion, John Warner, at quarterback.

Maryville, now ranked seventh in Class 2, comes in with two conference wins and a running game that's amassed over 500 yards in those games. Against Lafayette, running back Adam Mattson blew past the defense for 163 yards, averaging 14.8 yards per carry.

With statistics like that, it's

understandable that Holt sees no reason to change his offensive strategy.

"Well, I think we'll do what we do," he said. "They play a 3-4 defense so we'll test them out early and see if they can handle our run game. Right now I think our kids are just better up front than the defensive lines that we've been seeing."

Benton's new offensive attack didn't have a good debut as Warner threw three interceptions. Though the Cardinals did not 267 total yards, most of them were in the second half, with the game all but decided.



Photo by Scott Levine / Sports Editor

JOHN SHRECK corals a Lafayette runner during the 42-8 victory. The Hounds must travel to Benton Friday, a team they lost to last year.

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NW SOCCER

Soccer begins conference season searching for answers

By Brett Barger
University Sports Editor

Northwest opens the conference season, searching for an identity.

Through two games, the Bearcats had one goal, but each held Upper Iowa and St. Cloud (Minn.) State to one goal. Sunday at Northwestern (Okla.) State, they had a goal, but allowed three second half goals in a 3-1 loss to drop the 'Cats to 0-3 on the season.

"I think, overall, defensively, we're not playing as well as we can," Northwest coach Tracy Hoza said, "and that's something, especially with going on the road, we're going to have to work on this week."

Midfielder Brittany Cash equates

Northwest's poor start to a lack of "mental and physical toughness."

"It seems to be when a team gets a goal, we have a mental breakdown, a lapse, for a few minutes," Cash said. "And they'll get a goal or two and we have to try and fight out of it. It's about getting ahead and staying ahead and not breaking down."

Friday, Northwest travels to Southwest Baptist, a team Hoza said "will be up for a battle."

"They challenge the ball well," Hoza said. "If we can compete with them physically and hopefully let a soccer game be played, it'll be a good match."

Last season, in Bolivar, the Bearcats handed it to Northwest in a 4-1 win. Before 2006, the 'Cats had a

seven-match losing streak that lasted from 2002-2005. A close win won't be enough for Northwest, Cash said.

"I think we're going down with the mentality that we really want to beat them," Cash said. "We just really want to beat up on them. Hopefully, this will have a better result than in the past."

A convincing win in Bolivar would go a long way for Northwest with 4-0 Missouri Southern the following Saturday. The Lions are a preseason No. 2 pick in the MIAA and have shown early in the season that they'll be in the thick of the conference race. Nikki Llewellyn leads the conference in shots per game (5.80) and is second in goals (2.20), goals (1.00), and shots on goal

per game. (2.40).

"We just have to approach it like every other game," Hoza said. "It's going to be two games that we're going to have to prepare for and be prepared to do our best."

Hoza said the goal of this road trip is to come back to Bearcat Pitch, Sept. 18, a better defensive team. Cash also sees these two games as a chance to show the conference that they're better than the MIAA No. 6 preseason pick given to them.

"It'd be nice to start the conference ahead and just get our name out there," Cash said, "and let the conference know that we are here to play and win and that we're going to do it."

NW RUGBY CLUB



TOMMY HESTER gets tackled during the first rugby match Sept. 8. This is the first year for rugby as a club sport at Northwest. The team plays at Bearcat Stadium Saturday.

TOUGH: Expectations rising during stretch

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and the 'Cats gave them all they could handle taking them to five games.

"We know we're that close to not only playing with teams like that (Augustana) but beating them," Tool said.

After going up 2-1 against Augustana, the 'Cats lost 32-30 in game four and 15-11 in game five. They finished the tournament 2-2.

Part of the 'Cats improved play and high expectations come from the emergence of outside hitter Alicia Johnson, who had 25 kills and 11 digs, against Augustana.

Johnson and setter Katie Swenson were named to the all-tournament team.

"She's (Johnson) realized she

can make a few minor changes, and it's paying huge dividends," Tool said. "...Alicia Johnson is developing into a go-to player for us."

Johnson's fellow outside hitter Rachel Nisi is right in line with their coach's winning attitude.

"I think we can beat anyone if we bring it," Nisi said.

The 'Cats first two ranked opponents are Truman and Florida Southern, ranked 10th and fifth respectively. Both teams play a slowed down style of volleyball, a fact that, Tool said, could give her fast tempo squad an advantage.

The team's tough stretch will begin against Truman at 7 p.m., Friday.

"I want those challenging matches," Tool said. "You have to play those ranked teams to knock them off."

FOOTBALL: RUNNERS: Tough task ahead

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Termini said Newhall shows good pocket awareness and has a strong arm, while Western's running backs are shifty.

"They're a young team and aggressive. They're playing really well right now, and I can see some great improvement," Tjerdema said. "They beat a good team in Duluth last weekend. We've played up there, it's not an easy place to play. It will be similar to last week's game. We're on the road and it will be a great atmosphere."

It isn't quite time to hit the panic button. In 1999, Northwest lost to UNO and went on to win its second consecutive national championship. Northwest lost to UNO in 2005 and went on to become the first playoff team to win four consecutive road games to reach the national championship.

Sports Editor Scott Levine contributed to this report.

"We're feeling good," Lorek said. "Mentally, that was our best opening meet since I've been here."

Seven Bearcat women finished in the top six during the Bearcat/Spoofhound Open, which featured teams from Peru State and College of St. Mary. Anna O'Brien finished first in a time of 19:36, while Karah Spader placed second at 19:58.6.

Lorek said an under 20-minute performance is a good performance for the opening meet.

"I told the team before the race, that time under 20 would be good," Lorek said. "We had two that ran under 20, and that's very good."

Madison Marshman, Jennifer Dittburner and Blair Sample rounded out the top five for the 'Cats. Each finished within a minute of each other.

"As far as the team goes, we are very confident right now," Dittburner said. "(Saturday's) race will

be a good challenge and will be a good source to see where we are."

The men competed against Southwestern Community College (Creston, Iowa) at the Bearcat/Spoofhound Open. The men featured five runners place in the top five, led by Ben Chappell's time of 22:31.1. The men ran a 6K race, while the women ran a 5K.

Northwest men coach Richard Alsop said his team packed well again for a second week, and hopes it continues Saturday.

"Six of our kids ran within a minute of each other," Alsop said. "We competed well, and hopefully that continues."

Torol Pursell finished second with a time of 23:00.3 and Brandon Dart placed third at 23:08.3. Alsop said he's interested in seeing how inexperienced team will respond to facing more teams.

"We're young and we're not used to facing the caliber of runners

we'll see Saturday," Alsop said. "We need them to pack up like they have been doing and get out in front and get position."

In addition to the 'Cats, the Maryville cross country teams also participated in the meet Sept. 8. Shelby Jones finished second in a time of 22:48, while Ashley Blanchard had a time of 23:48, good enough for fifth. Shayna Waszil rounded out the team with a time of 27:02.

For the boys squad, Josh Elliot finished second, only 11 seconds behind the leader at 18:24.7, while Seth Staashelm and Alex Thompson finished fourth and sixth respectively. Steve Spordler placed ninth for the 'Hounds.

The 'Hounds return to action Sept. 18 at Benton. For the 'Cats, the UNL/Woody Greeno Invitational begins Saturday at 10 a.m. for the women and 10:45 a.m. for the men.

BEARCATS

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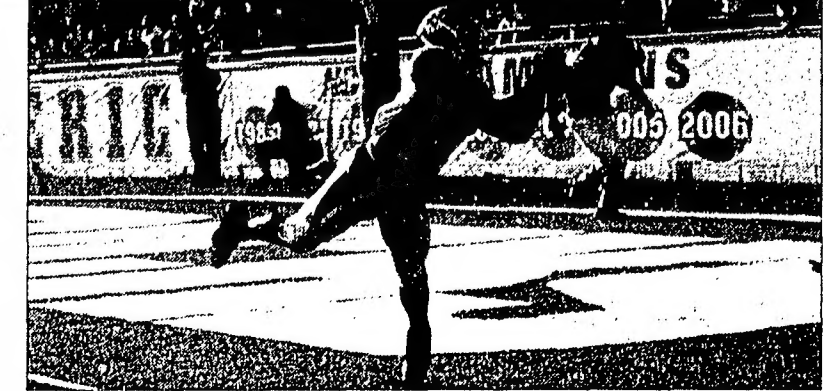
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TEAM STATISTICS

Bearcats	Mavericks
407	Total yards 459
69	Total plays 70
3-43.7	Punts-average 2-19.5
13-109	Penalties-yards 4-40
2-1	Fumbles-lost 2-1
291	Passing yards 246
1-5	Sacked-yardslost 2-17
22-31-2	Comp-Att-Int. 14-25-0
116	Rushing yards 223
38	Total rushes 45
3.1	Average Gain 4.7
19	First Downs 25
8	Rushing 10
11	Passing 11
13-109	Penalties-Yards 4-40
6-14	Third Downs 6-11
2-3	Fourth Downs 0-0

PLAYER STATISTICS



CHRIS LEFLORE narrowly misses an interception during the first half against UNO. The Bearcats (0-1) look to rebound when they travel to Missouri Western Saturday.

Rushing	No	Gain	Loss	Net	TD	Lg	Avg
Omon,Xavier	26	119	4	-115	1	10	4.4
Council,Laron	7	20	1	19	0	7	2.7
Cook,Sheldon	2	3	0	3	0	3	1.5
Wright,Kendall	1	0	4	-4	0	0	-4.0
Mathews,Josh	2	0	17	-17	0	0	-8.5
Totals...	38	142	26	116	1	10	3.1

Passing	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD	Long	Sack
Mathews,Josh	23-16-1	254	2	82	2
Osborn,Joel	8-6-1	37	0	14	0
Totals...	31-22-2	291	2	82	2

Receiving	No.	Yds	TD	Long
Wright,Kendall	6	84	0	33
Peterson,Mike	3	58	0	82
Quoad,Abe	3	32	0	16
Gannan,Josh	3	13	1	11
Omon,Xavier	3	4	0	3
Council,Laron	2	37	1	32
Elam,Paris	2	23	0	12
Totals...	22	291	2	82

Punting	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	In20
Stadler,Michael	3	131	43.7	47	2
Totals...	3	131	43.7	47	2

Punts Kickoffs	No.	Yds.	Lg	No.	Yds.	Lg	No.	Yds.	Lg
All Returns	1	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wright,Kendall	0	0	0	4	90	30	0	0	0
Cook,Sheldon	0	0	0	4	90	30	0	0	0
Totals...	1	6	6	4	90	30	0	0	0

Field goal attempts	Frvert,Tommy	4th	9:32	47 yds - Missed
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Defense	T-A	Sack	Int.
Myles Burnside	7-2	0	0
Jared Espamer	5-3	0	0
Chris Leflore	7-0	0	0
Evan Wilmes	4-2	0	0
Sean Paddock	4-2	0.5	0
Brandon Clayton	4-1	0	0
Chris Termini	2-3	0	0
Matt Robertson	3-1	0	0
Ryan Jones	1-3	0	0
Ike Urum-Eke	1-2	0	0
Terry Bilbro	0-3	0	0
Marcus Martin	2-0	0	0
TJ Kastman	1-1	0	0
Dallas Flynn	0-2	0	0
Dustin Conard	1-0	0	0
Kyle Kneifels	1-0	0	0
Troy Matthews	1-0	0	0
Kendall Wright	1-0	0	0
Caleb Dohrman	0-1	0.5	0
Aldwin Foster-Rettig	0-0	0	0

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SPOOFHOUNDS

MHS VOLLEYBALL

Dominating second game vaults team to decisive win

By Scott Levine
Sports Editor

It didn't take long for the Maryville High School volleyball team to finish off Benton Tuesday, despite struggling during the first game.

The 'Hounds rattled off five consecutive points to defeat Benton 25-20 in the first game, and then carried the momentum to the second game, winning 25-13.

Maryville coach Lori Klaus was pleased how well her team came back in the second game.

"The first game was really back

and forth," Klaus said. "We played OK, but we took off in the second game. We blocked well and did everything solid."

Klaus said the team's solid play was led by senior Jayme Mattson. Mattson contributed five kills and three blocks.

"We started out slow, but we came together and gained confidence during the match," Mattson said. "We had more momentum (for the second game) and it carried our offense and defense."

Mattson also said that after starting slow, the team improved in

specific areas during the victory.

"Our blocks and hits were much better during the second game," Mattson said. "Really, everything was working better for us."

Sam McGinness tallied 11 digs and eight assists, while Leah Wilmes had four kills and seven digs. Jordan Stiens registered six kills and four blocks.

In other action last week, the 'Hounds faltered at the Winnetonka tournament Sept. 8, registering one tie and no wins. Klaus said bigger schools made it hard for the 'Hounds to compete.

Also, Maryville lost its season's

conference opener to Platte County, Sept. 6.

"Platte County is a very solid team," Klaus said. "We played OK, but their blocking was too much for us."

The 'Hounds are currently 7-6-1, with an 0-1 mark in the conference. Tuesday's win over Benton does not count towards conference statistics, because only one game played against each team counts towards the conference record.

Next up for the 'Hounds is Lafayette, at 5 p.m., today, in St. Joseph.

MHS SOFTBALL

Hot streak continues with eighth straight victory

By Sam Robinson
Community Sports Editor

The Chillicothe softball team has won quite enough of Maryville.

With a 6-2 defeat Tuesday, and a 1-0 loss over the weekend, the defending district champion Hornets have found out something nine other teams have this season: The Spoofhounds are for real.

Tuesday's win is the 'Hounds' eighth consecutive and brings them to 11-1 on the season.

After losing seven starters, this underclassmen-laden squad has amassed three more wins than last year's veteran team did all year.

Coach Jacqui Conn is trying not to get too excited about her team's stellar start because she has other goals in mind.

"I don't know, I'm usually a very optimistic person but I'm just trying to keep an even keel here," she said. "I keep telling the girls, it's not where you start the season, it's where you finish the season. Even though we have more wins than we did last year, that wasn't our goal."

"To be the best, to do well at districts, to do well in conference, those are our goals. Not just to have more wins than last year."

Tuesday, the 'Hounds sent their ace to the hill and Megan Walker delivered, winning her third game in the past five days. Walker struck out six and allowed only one earned run in seven innings.

At the plate, Maryville was equally lethal, scoring five runs in



MARYVILLE FRESHMAN third baseman Mataya Wooten slides into third in the first inning of Tuesday's game against Chillicothe. Wooten finished the game with three hits and was named community sports girls' athlete of the week.

the first two innings, including a four-run second.

Following Mariah Stiens' RBI single, senior shortstop Jordan Gadbols tripled to the right-field wall bringing home Stiens and Walker to make it 4-0. Mataya Wooten's second hit of the day plated Gadbols to give Walker more than enough run support.

Taylor Gadbols also tripled and scored in the fifth while Wooten tal-

led three hits for her third three-hit game in the past week.

Wooten, who also blasted two home runs last week, does not know what to make of her recent power surge.

"I've been a singles hitter (for most of her career) so I was pretty surprised about it, just in shock," she said. "(I've just been) watching the ball, making sure I get the middle of it and that's about it."

Maryville was also victorious at the Stanberry tournament on Saturday with a 7-5 win over the Chillicothe. Dru Coleman had three hits while Jordan had two and stole two bases in game one.

Walker shut out the Hornets in the title game.

Next up for the 'Hounds is a four-game road trip starting at 4:30, Thursday, at Smithville.

TEAM STATISTICS

Spoofhounds	Fighting Irish
25	First downs 459
386	Rushing-yards 70
68	Passing-yards 2-19.5
11 of 85 yds.	Penalties 4-40
lost 2 fumbles	Turnovers lost 1 fumble, 2 INT's

PLAYER STATISTICS



Rushing			
Mattson	11 car.	163 yds	2 TDs
Swinford	8 car.	64 yds	1 TD
Davis	5 car.	56 yds	1 TD
Winans	7 car.	53 yds	
Walter	4 car.	37 yds	1 TD
Farmer	2 car.	10 yds	
Zech	2 car.	7 yds	1 TD
Maudlin	2 car.	3 yds	

Passing		
Walter	6-13	67 yds
Jasinski	1-2	1 yd

Receiving		
Farmer	4 rec.	35 yds.
Sudhoff	1 rec.	16 yds.
Archer	1 rec.	12 yds.

Swimming Pool			
Defense			
Archer	7 tackles	1 fumble recovery	
Jasinski	7 tackles		
Mattson	5.5 tackles		
Shreck	4.5 tackles	3 tackles for loss	2 pass deflections
Sherry	4 tackles	2 sacks	
Lowe	2 tackles	1 INT	
Curry Cronk	2 tackles		
Johns	2 tackles		
Zech	1 sack		

SURGE: Ogelsby provides defensive boost

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Even after seeing the rocky opener, the Cardinals' signal caller still poses a threat in Holt's eyes.

"We're going to basically try to make him throw so if we put enough guys in the box, he won't take off as much," he said. "Maybe that'll force him to throw the football and (we) hope our kids can make plays."

The 'Hounds' defense will get another boost with captain Tyler Ogelsby being cleared to play for the first time this season.

Despite being in the same conference, Maryville and Benton are separated by two classes, as

Benton is a Class 4 team. That proved to be a factor in their last meeting as the 'Hounds didn't have the depth on the lines to match up with the larger school, Holt said.

Ultimately, safety Tanner Archer believes the game will depend on whether Maryville's speed is enough to counteract Benton's size.

"They're big, but honestly I think we've got more speed," Archer said. "It's just going to be a clash of size versus speed, and we'll just see how it all comes out."

Kickoff is at 7 p.m., Friday, at Benton.

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COLUMN

Time for widespread panic in the 'Ville

Lloyd Carr, move over. You have company.

That's right. It's time for Northwest nation to start cementing the For Sale signs in football coach Mel Tjeerdma's yard. Carr's not the only prominent national coach to be riding a skid as late. Tjeerdma's team is 0-2 over the last two games, and that hot seat is about ready to boil over.

I know what you're thinking. But Scott, Northwest's losses were to No. 1 Grand Valley State and No. 6 UNO. Yeah, I know. It's called expectations.

You don't see the Nebraska's of the world...er, wait...the Florida State's...er, wait...well you

Scott's Thoughts



Scott Levine
Sports Editor

get my point. The Bears should lose any games, and if they do, it better be because a seismic meteor crashed into the earth and took out the entire football team.

Wait a second, before an angry mob chases me out of town with pitchforks and torches and attempts to take

every living family member I have, I'm only kidding. So, let's give Tjeerdma another chance. I think he has at least deserved that much, being a two-time national champion and all.

But after the loss to UNO, it became apparent that losing was

just unthinkable in the regular season to most people. It's great that fans can expect to win every game. Just thank what Tjeerdma has done here for that thinking.

Seriously, though, sometimes teams lose. It's just a way of life. Trust me I know, I cheer for Iowa State. At some point Grand Valley State will lose and USC will lose. The opposite is always true, too. Northwest will win at some point this year and Iowa State and Michigan will...well maybe next year.

But some fans treat this loss as if a God-given right was taken away from them. The 'Cats had the game in hand and the offense shut down, and UNO rode the momentum for the entire second half. I've seen it a million times in every sport.

Sometimes that momentum just gets rolling and there's really nothing a team can do about it, but hope that the clock winds

down before the other team wins. Unfortunately, that didn't happen against UNO.

Do I still think this is the best team in the country? Yes, I do. This team's offense will get back on track, and the defense will learn. What harder a place could Northwest start the 2007 campaign than in Omaha, a place they haven't won since 1996.

That brings me to my final point. It's been a while since Northwest has lost a regular season game (Oct. 29, 2005, to be exact). The true mark of a quality team is how they respond to adversity. Who knows how this team will respond, but I'm betting Missouri Western probably didn't want to see an even hungrier Northwest team invade St. Joseph Saturday.

So before we make Tjeerdma's job security that of Lloyd Carr's, let's see what he has in store for Missouri Western.

POWER RANKINGS

Team	Result Last Week
1. Northwest	0-1
2. Pittsburg State	2-0
3. Washburn	1-1
4. Missouri Western	2-0
5. Central Missouri	1-1
6. Truman State	2-0
7. Missouri Southern	2-0
8. Emporia State	2-0
9. Fort Hays State	2-0
10. Southwest Baptist	0-2



Team	Result last week
1. Platte County	2-0
2. Maryville	2-0
3. Chillicothe	1-1
4. Cameron	0-2
5. Smithville	1-1
6. Benton	1-1
7. Savannah	1-1
8. Lafayette	0-1

SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS

Scott's picks

NCAA Lock

Tennessee at Florida — Florida

Phillip Fulmer vs. Urban Meyer.

That's all I have to say.

NFL Upset Alert

Louisville at Kentucky —

Kentucky

Cardinals D couldn't stop Maryville, pick the Wildcats in the upset.

NFL Lock

Washington at Philadelphia —

Philadelphia

Expect the Eagles to come back with a rout.

NFL Upset Alert

Houston at Carolina — Houston

Expect the David Carr-less Texans to continue their steady improvement.

Brett's picks

NCAA Lock

USC at Nebraska — USC

Too much Booty for the Huskers to handle.

NCAA Upset Alert

Notre Dame at Michigan —

Notre Dame

Hard to imagine that the winner of this match-up of 0-2 teams would be considered an upset.

NFL Lock

San Diego at New England —

New England

Two words: Randy Moss.

NFL Upset Alert

Dallas at Miami — Miami

Dallas' offense will be cooled off this week after winning a shootout against the Giants.

Sam's picks

NCAA Lock

UCLA at Utah — UCLA

Utah is not an imposing opponent.

NCAA Upset Alert

Ohio State at Oregon —

Fresno State

Fresno played inspired ball last weekend in College Station.

NFL Lock

Kansas City at Chicago — Chicago

Have you seen the Chiefs play on the road?

NFL Upset Alert

Minnesota at Detroit — Detroit

Stop the Vikes' run game and they have nothing left.

Marcus's picks

NCAA Lock

Iowa at Iowa State — Iowa

Iowa State still has a program?

NCAA Upset Alert

Ohio State at Washington —

Washington

I wasn't impressed with the 20 points Ohio State hung on Akron.

NFL Lock

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WHAT TO WATCH?

Scott's TV picks

Friday

■Maryville at Benton, 7 p.m. — If you don't want to be stuck at home improvements is money in the bank. Focus on making your place more efficient. You could build quite a profit.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Saturday

■Louisville at Kentucky, 6:30 p.m. ESPN Classic — Andre Woodson vs. Brian Brohm. This quarterback dual has all the makings of a classic rivalry game.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■Kansas City at Chicago, 3:15 p.m. CBS — After a long Saturday night, I was thinking about taking a nap around this time, so this yawner should provide good background noise for my nap.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Marc's T.V. Picks

Friday

■Cubs at Cardinals, 7:10 p.m. FSN — This classic rivalry actually has some meaning now.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■Boston College at Georgia Tech, 7 p.m. ESPN2 — T.V. or something because this might be the best game of the weekend. GT's blitz happy defense against a quarterback who's thrown six touchdowns in two games.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■Indianapolis at Tennessee, noon NBC — I'm watching this before the Chiefs game to watch Vince Young get pounded. I hate Vince Young.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sam's TV Picks

Friday

■Royals at Indians, 6:05 p.m. FOX Sports Net — Rookie sensation Brian Bannister duels with C.C. Sabathia

Days rating (1 of 5)

Saturday

■No. 1 USC at No. 14 Nebraska, 7 p.m. ABC — Game of the week. After narrowly escaping the Huskers last year at home, USC faces perhaps its toughest test of the season at Lincoln's Memorial Stadium.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Sunday

■San Diego at New England, 7:30 p.m. NBC — No-brainer. Aside from the Pats-Colts annual showdown, this could be the game of the year.

Days rating (4 of 5)

Brett's TV picks

Friday

■Yankees at Red Sox, 6:05 p.m. ESPN — Yankees are closing on the Red Sox as the two AL East rivals begin a three-game series at Fenway Park. Daisuke Matsuzaka duels with Andy Pettite.

Days rating (3 of 5)

Saturday

■Notre Dame at Michigan, 2:30 p.m. ABC — See which school will fall to 0-3. This game is by all accounts a loser-game, but it's great to see two college powers like Michigan and Notre Dame struggling.

Days rating (2 of 5)

Sunday

■Oakland at Denver, 3:15 p.m. CBS — Raiders will share the AFC West cellar with the Chiefs after they take on Jay Cutler and the Broncos.

Days rating (2 of 5)

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is a 7 — Does it count as a win for you if your teammate carries the ball for the winning touchdown? You bet it does. Share the glory.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 6 — It's been said that you should never show the critics unfinished work. That's the rule for the next few days. Lock the studio door.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 — Love makes the world go round, when it includes commitment. Don't freak out, this is not a scary assignment. Just make a promise and keep it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — You'd like to be able to do everything by yourself, but that's not realistic. It's not very much fun, either. Get the family to help.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 7 — The more you read, the closer you'll get to finding the answers. And, of course, the more you do it the easier it becomes. Stick to your assigned topic, if you can.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Collect the money that's owed to you. That includes those coupons and rebates you've been collecting. Hurry, before they expire.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — Soon you'll have the evidence you need to prove your theory. Make sure you're right, and then get the word out to those who need to know.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — Another treasure is revealed. You knew it was there all along, but you didn't know how much it has increased in value. You love it when this happens.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 — You have an excellent attitude, even in the face of calamity. You believe you can get through just about anything. Your friends are convinced you can, too. So go for it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 6 — They're watching to see if you'll do what you promised. Don't even think of excuses. You get demerits for everything except producing the results. Luckily, you're good at that.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is a 7 — You've been strict with yourself, and it's paying off. That's the key right there. You've paid off enough of the bills so you can go out and play with your friends.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 7 — With a careful investment now, you can increase your chances of achieving your long-term goal. Allot your money wisely.

STROLLER

Your Man hates Hubbard's prices

Last week I took a chance. Fortune favors the bold, as you know, and yet most of the feedback I received was negative. Oh well...legend in my own mind I suppose.

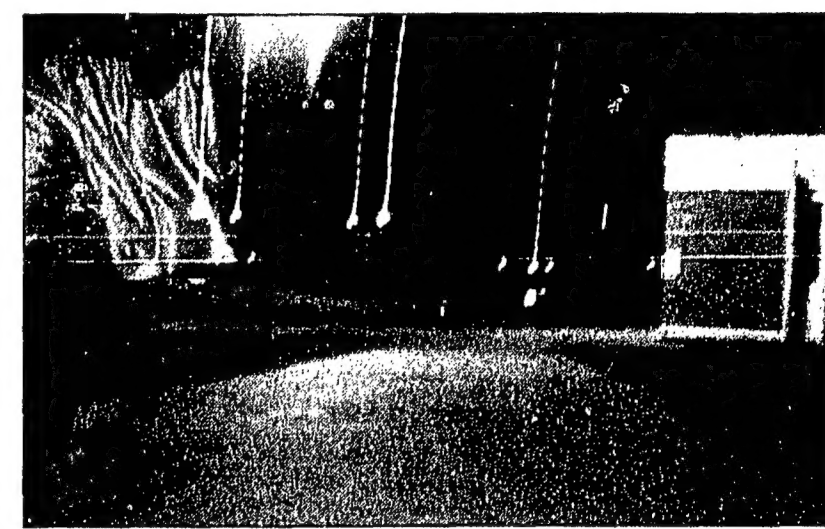
After my masterpiece on pornography, the powers that be wish me to write something "meaningful"—as if there is anything more meaningful than porn.

So, I've decided to address a problem I've found irksome since my first stroll on campus. But fans of my immature nonsense, don't despair. Next week, I promise to be back to subjects like "making it rain" on senior citizens or something awful like that.

I'd like to address this article to our commander in chief, our leader, our man's man and dare I say, the Stroller's biggest fan, President Dean Hubbard. Not because he has done anything wrong—I'm sure he's an angel—but because he's the firehosed and that's what comes with the over \$175,000 salary.

Dear Hubby,

I have a problem. I'm broke. Yet, the institution I love wants more. I thought I had enough. You said it would only be \$200 a credit hour, and since I'm lazy, I'm only



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taking 12 hours. That should be roughly \$2,400, right? I know I'm not in college to learn math, but I think even a hillbilly like me can figure that one out.

So I came to school with \$2,400 to my name and was shocked when they told me I needed more. You have to buy a parking pass, get a meal plan, buy a new sweater for Hubby's dog, mow his lawn, paint his nails and pay a financial aid fee, they said.

That's right, I have to pay a financial aid fee. I must pay this college money to get money to pay

them more money. Hubby, what the hell is that?

I know it isn't your fault, and I know at least some, if not all, of that money doesn't go to this school, but at least give me a warning. Now I have to dance on street corners or sell my body for tuition money. Is that what you want Hubby? Really, is that something you might be interested in? If so, give me a call. I have a bill due soon.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Halloween:' trick or dud?

Film proves to be another remake in a line of film flops

Ashley Bally
Design Editor



I'll never forget those eyes. The eyes of the man who crept silently into my life when I was just 11 years old. He moved in the shadow around the neighborhood. Before morning, two high school girls would be murdered, their killer still on the prowl.

I encountered this monster on Halloween night when, his masked face glowing in darkness and the shrouding steel of the knife at his side, his black gaze pierced through me.

He had the devil's eyes. Huddled beneath my mother's arm, I stared at the screen unable to breathe as Laurie Strode battled this unyielding psychopath from the confines of the Doyle's bedroom closet.

From that moment on, John Carpenter's "Halloween" would be the marker to which all other horror films would be held. Halloween would no longer be a race to candy corn and costumes, it would be about heart pounding terror.

I haven't encountered that level of dread for many years, that is, until I heard Rob Zombie would be putting a new spin on the old classic. Now I was really scared. Aug. 31 I discovered just how accurate my fear had been.

For starters, what self-respecting filmmaker would release a movie titled "Halloween" in August? Unless, Zombie knew his creation wouldn't be able to contend with the will of the highly anticipated "Saw 14," uh I mean, "Saw 4."

That aside, I can honestly say,

there is absolutely nothing about this film I enjoyed.

"Halloween" is Zombie's third film to date, including such cinematic blood baths as "House of a Thousand Corpses" and "The Devil's Rejects."

Most of the films appeal came from the promise to reveal Michael Myers' hidden evil origins. Now we know, Myers tortured tiny animals and grew up with the most white trash, vulgar family possible.

Contrary to what Carpenter would have us believe, Myers no longer murdered just his older sister, Judith, but his blood-soaked childhood rampage now claimed the lives of his step-father, a classmate, his sister, her boyfriend and numerous other furry woodland creatures.

One of the most important elements that made the movie so frightening is the simple fact that we didn't know what made Myers so evil. He came from a respectable family, a normal background, and we had no explanation for

what caused his transformation. Myers is also depicted as somewhat larger than life. Actor Tyler Mane stands at a staggering 6 foot 8 inches. Myers was previously an average man with an average build, not a former WCW wrestler.

There were a few quirks and changes I just simply did not understand. When did good girl Laurie Strode get all punked out? She was famous for being the good girl. Secondly, why is it crucial to the plot that 75 percent of the females in the movie run around topless? Is that what you do when you're being pursued



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(counter clockwise from top) DISTANCE TO EMPTY
singer Curtis Hayton entertains fans at The Pub.
(second from top) DISTANCE TO EMPTY members
Bo McCall and Curtis Hayton played old songs as
well as new material, during their show. (below)
TRAVIS YOCUM PLAYS drums for Electric Chair
and Jon Sowards plays the guitar and base, during
their debut performance. (right) JON SOWARDS
performs with Electric chair.

By Tara Adkins
Features Editor

Cigarette smoke swirled from his lips as he properly positioned his black, square-framed glasses with his index finger and thumb.

Cables coil and snake across the stage to connect sound with guitars as the dreadlocked drummer took a swig of beer before sitting down.

The amps are plugged in, the stage is set and sound check has begun.

Northwest students Travis Yocum and John Sowards teamed with Josh Davison of Kansas City, Mo., to perform their first show through the music of Electric Chair.

The band opened for Lovers in Transit and Distance to Empty Friday night at The Pub.

"It's nerve-wracking. Maryville is a different scene and our music is not so meat and potatoes. They don't get a lot of different bands like us," Yocum said.

Although the band is just six months old, the members are anything but rookies with years of experience under their belts. Each member had played in at least two other bands prior to Electric Chair.

Davison and Sowards played in the Kansas City band Wood-Stone but couldn't seem to maintain a drummer. After meeting Yocum at a show, the band had found its drummer and officially transformed into Electric Chair.

The band's sound resembles underground, experimental rock bands like the Arctic Monkeys,

Minus the Bear and The Decemberists.

The show kicked off with a unique twist as Davison and Sowards strum along to their first song with guitars upside down.

The new wave guitar riffs and upbeat tempo from drums interlaced with the high-pitched lyrics and filled the dim bar scene with bright indie song.

"This TV is threatening me" sings through the dingy air in the song "You Wish." Davison and Sowards switch from bass to guitar every other five songs while Yocum releases inner aggression to the drum style of the Black Lips.

"TV Wire inspires my lyrics. Writing is a nice way to talk and write with a different part of your brain," Davison said.

Songs like "Money Paper Cuts" and "Poison Pen" explain the band's thoughts and expressions through creative lyrics about relationships, technology and conversation.

Electric Chair got its first gig at the Pub just by knowing the right people.

"I know a lot of bartenders, and I'm definitely a regular here, so I just threw the idea out there and here we are," Yocum said.

The band will play three upcoming shows in Kansas City with one being at The Brick, Sept. 29. However it has prospects to regularly visit and to keep a fan base in Maryville.

"We're just taking it day by day to try and get more shows and just get our name out there," Yocum said. "Maybe someday we'll move to Kansas City."

